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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 4691

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FROM USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE
SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE: MEETING WITH ISRAELI REPS

REF: BELGRADE 4372

1. TWO ISRAELI DIPLOMATS (YOSEF GOVRIN, DIRECTOR, EAST
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EUROPEAN DIVISION, ISRAELI MFA, AND YEHEZKEL BARNEA) CALLED
ON DELEGATION OFFICER (MARESCA) ON JULY 11. THEY EXPLAINED
THAT THEY WERE IN BELGRADE FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH CSCE DELEGATIONS AND TO SIZE UP THE SITUATION
WITHIN THE MEETING. WHEN THEY FIRST APPLIED FOR DIPLO-
MATIC VISAS, THEY HAD CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) PROBLEMS

(REFTEL), BUT AFTER DELAY, YUGOSLAVS ISSUED THEM REGULAR DIPLOMATIC VISAS VALID FOR THREE MONTHS.

2. ISRAELIS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SEVERAL FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS BUT WISHED TO HEAR U.S. ANALYSIS OF THE MEETING AND ESPECIALLY OUR IMPRESSION OF HOW MEDITERRANEAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED. WE GAVE ISRAELIS FULL BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY.

3. ISRAELIS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITIES FOR MEDITERRANEAN PARTICIPATION. WE EXPLAINED OUR VIEW THAT THIS SHOULD FOLLOW GENEVA PATTERN, BUT THAT MOST WESTERN DELEGATIONS WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT UPGRADING OF MEDITERRANEAN CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECEIVING THEM IN PLENARY SESSIONS, AND TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO TO LIBYA AND LEBANON, WHICH DID NOT MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS DURING CSCE ITSELF. WE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WOULD LIKE TO SHARPLY EXPAND MEDITERRANEAN PARTICIPATION, TO GIVE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES STATUS OF OBSERVER OR PARTIAL PARTICIPANT. WE SAID WE FORESAW SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH ANY FORMULA UNDER WHICH ISRAELIS AND ARAB STATES WOULD SIT AT THE SAME TABLE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME DEBATE. SUCH A SITUATION WOULD BRING THE MIDEAST PROBLEM INTO CSCE, THUS VASTLY COMPLICATING BOTH. ISRAELIS STRONGLY AGREED WITH THIS VIEW.

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4. ISRAELIS REFERRED TO ALGERIAN LETTER CIRCULATED WITHIN CSCE, EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN BELGRADE MEETING (SIMILAR LETTER FROM TUNISIA HAD NOT YET BEEN CIRCULATED). THEY ASKED WHETHER THEY SHOULD SEND SUCH A LETTER. WE SAID SUCH A DECISION WAS UP TO THEM, BUT EXPLAINED PROS AND CONS AS FOLLOWS: CSCE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SOMETIMES ARGUED THAT SUCH LETTERS DEMONSTRATE INTEREST IN THE CSCE AND THAT COUNTRIES EXPRESSING SUCH INTEREST SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION; ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAEL WAS NOW ESTABLISHED AS A CSCE CONTRIBUTOR, AND WHEN FORMULA FOR MEDITERRANEAN CONTRIBUTIONS IS AGREED, THEY WILL CERTAINLY RECEIVE AN INVITATION; ALSO, AN ISRAELI LETTER COULD STIR UP UNPREDICTABLE RESPONSES. ISRAELIS WERE GRATEFUL FOR THIS ADVICE AND SAID THEY WOULD REFLECT ON THE MATTER.

5. ISRAELIS CLEARLY WISHED TO ESTABLISH REGULAR LIAISON WITH USDEL AND SAID THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH AGAIN BEFORE LEAVING BELGRADE.
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